

Our Vision for Family Support

The Connecticut Family Support Council exists to ensure that Connecticut families caring for children with disabilities and/or special health care needs:

- Will have access to services that support optimal individual and family functioning;
- receive support to strengthen their abilities to nurture and support their children at home and in their communities:
- are able to access comprehensive programs and services which meet the health, educational, recreational, and vocational needs of their children;
- are able to make informed decisions regarding services, supports and resources available to them and
- · receive community-based assistance, which supports seeing the inherent potential of all children to contribute to their communities.

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Connecticut **Family Support** Council

A partnership of parents, family advocates and state agencies with a focus on improving the lives of families supporting children with disabilities

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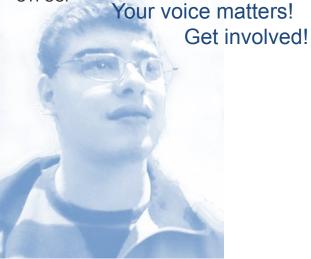
The Connecticut Family Support Council is looking for new family members

The Connecticut Family Support Council (CTFSC) envisions successful integrated lives in the community for all children with disabilities in the state.

The CTFSC raises awareness about existing support programs and services for these children and their families. They advocate for key issues facing families, and communicate identified needs to the Governor and our State Legislature.

CTFSC members consist of families, representatives from state agencies and advocates for children with disabilities.

We hope that you will consider joining the CTFSC.





What is the Connecticut Family Support Council?

The CTFSC was established to assist the state agencies that administer family services. The CTFSC also informs the Governor and Connecticut Legislature about the impact of state funded family support programs, and identifies areas of unmet need.

The Role of the CTFSC is to:

- Gather information to develop a comprehensive, coordinated system of family support services.
- Review existing program policies & procedures.
- Identify services that are needed for families of children with disabilities, including special health care needs.
- The CTFSC creates an annual report for the Governor and General Assembly, on the status of Connecticut family support services.

What are the responsibilities of The Connecticut Family Support Council Members?

- The CTFSC meets once a month, usually on the 2nd Thursday, either in person or via teleconference.
- CTFSC members work together to support the goals and initiatives of the Council.
- Appointments are for a four-year term.

How Do I Get Appointed to the Connecticut Family Support Council?

- Family members of individuals who advocate for children with disabilities are appointed to the CTFSC by the Governor and Legislators
- You may contact your local legislator to request a council appointment. (To locate your legislator: www.cga.ct.gov).
- You may also contact the CTFSC directly, for assistance in obtaining an appointment. The email address is dds.ctfsc@ct.gov.

